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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 510

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MURDER OF ISRAELI BY ARAB IN NICOSIA

REF: NICOSIA 130, 133, 168 ( NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: AT ABOUT 1130 LOCAL MARCH 12 SIMCHA GILZER, ISRAELI. AGE 59, WAS SHOT IN NICOSIA PALACE HOTEL BY AL AYD SULEIMAN FARRAJ AL MALI, AGE 23 OR 24, CARRIER OF JORDAMIAN PASSPORT AND, LIE GILZER, STAYING AT HOTEL. VICTIM DIED IN HOSPITAL. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TIMOR TELLS ME GILZER WAS HIDE AND SKIN MERCHANT RESIDENT TELAVIV WHO OFTEN VISITED CYPRUS. THIS WAS HIS THIRD OR FOURTH VISIT THIS YEAR, AND HE WAS EN ROUTE BACK TO ISRAEL AFTER TRIP TO HOLLAND AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. ASSAILANT HAD ROOM ON SAME FLOOR OF HOTEL AS GILZER, WAS SEEN WITH GUN IN HAND, FLED AND IS STILL AT LARGE. HE FIRED A SINGLE BULLET WHICH STRUCK GILZER IN SHOULDER. AMB TIMOR WAS APPARENTLY SEEING TO ARRANGE FOR PLANE TO CARRY HIM TO ISRAEL  
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WHEN HE DIED OF HEMMORHAGE.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS REASONABLE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS SHOOTING MAY BE ACT OF RETALIATION FOR MURDER OF SYRIAN ARAB HUSAYN BECHIR BY BOMB PLACED UNDER HIS PILLOW IN OLYMPIC HOTEL, NICOSIA, ON JANUARY 25. THUS EFFORTS OF CYPRUS GOVT TO KEEP ARAB- I PENALTIES EXCEPT FINES FOR NON- COMPLIANCE WITH ITS OWN PROCEDURES.

6. TWO U. S. CITIZENS, ONE A USG OFFICIAL, ARE TECHNICAL ADVISORS TO BOARD, AS IS ALI GHANDOUR, HEAD OF JORDANIAN AIRLINES. THES DISTINGUISHED OFFICIALS WOULD CERTAINLY NOHELEND THEMSELVES TO ANY PROCCEDINGS WHOSE PROCEDURES OR OBJECTIVES WERE AS ARBITRARY AS WATERMAN SUGGESTS.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER IS JUSTICE MOHAMMED BELLO, A SENIOR NIGERIAN JUDGE WITH OVER TEN YEARS LEGAL EXPERIENCE. HIS HANDLING OF INQUIRY TO DATE HAS IMPRESSED AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. MOREOVER, NIGERIAN JUDICIARY IS EXTREMELY JEALOUS OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, SO THERE EVERY REASON BELIEVE JUSTICE BELLO WILL INSIST UPON SCRUPULOUS ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED LEGAL PROCEDURES.

8. IN SUM, EMBASSY BELIEVES ALL SIGNS INDICATE WATERMAN CAN EXPECT FAIR TREATMENT AND IS IN NO DANGER ARBITRARY DETENTION.  
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